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1. Diplomatic circles in Sofia have the impression that the Cominform met in Karlsbad* during July 1950 and conferred on the Balkan problem. According to these circles the aim of the Cominform is to open the Macedonian question and thereby sharpen Balkan antagonisms and put Yugoslavia in a vulnerable position.
2. The Bulgarian Communist press repeatedly emphasizes the untenable conditions along the Bulgarian-Yugoslav border; the terrorization of Bulgarian minorities; and the hard lot of the Bulgarian nationals who fled Greco-Macedonia and now are being held by Yugoslavia. The press offers Macedonians of the Pirin area freedom in a Macedonian state under protection of the Kremlin.
- 25X1X 3. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ the Yugoslavs regard Cominform plans
25X1X for Macedonia as inconsequential. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ the majority of
the Macedonians in the Pirin area sympathize with Tito and would reject
Moscow protection. The Pirin Macedonians are particularly sensitive to
interference with their national rights because they are not recognized as
25X1X a nationality and because the Bulgarian language has replaced Macedonian
since the Cominform rift. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ the Cominform plans
an attempt to disturb Belgrade-Athens relations in order to create new
unrest in the Slav areas north of Greece.

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Comment: There is no previous evidence which would indicate that a Cominform Conference was held in Karlsbad during July 1950.

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